

## Dress Right, Dress

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To present the proper military image: Summer and winter weight battle dress uniforms and accessories will not be mixed and matched. (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)



## News Briefs

### Promoted to major

Congratulations to Capt. Scott A. Sveinsson, 721st Air Mobility Operations Group Rhein-Main Transition Program major command liaison officer, for being selected for promotion to major.

### Road construction update

Spangdahlem AB Military Family Housing Area: Beginning Monday, the pavement contractor begins work on the valve boxes, manholes and drop inlets. In addition, demolition will continue on building 426 and heavy equipment soon begins work next to building 416 for the base's northwest expansion. Team Eifel members should continue driving slowly and carefully around the construction areas, workers and slow-moving vehicles. Throughout construction, the MFH area speed limit is 10 kph. Also, parallel parking along the street is not permitted.

Arnold Boulevard: The road is closed from the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center to the new traffic circle and from the Military Clothing Sales Store to Smith Avenue. Traffic is rerouted for the continued installation of the new sidewalks, curbs and sidewalks on the commissary-side of the street. Drivers should use alternate routes whenever possible, such as Maxwell or Memorial Drive.

With construction in full swing at Spangdahlem AB and on the Bitburg Annex, safety is important. For housing-related safety concerns, call the Bitburg Annex ground safety line at 452-9195. For Spangdahlem AB, call 452-7943. For construction-related safety concerns, call the 52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office at 452-7233.

### Readiness council

The Readiness Council Working Group meets Aug. 18 at 10 a.m. in the 52nd Mission Support Group conference room. The Readiness Council meets Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. in the wing conference room. Call Capt. Tobey Clarkin at 452-6501 for details.

### No trespassing

Trespassing in and around the combat arms firing range is not only illegal, but hazardous due to gunfire. The combat arms ranges, buildings 604 and 605 are located on perimeter road by the nature trail. Call Master Sgt. Robert Hammond at 452-6287 for details.

### Contractor's gate

Only contractors are allowed to use the contractor's gate to access the base. However, outbound usage is authorized Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details, refer to Battle Staff Directive 03-056 on the base Intranet.



## 'Loose lips sink ships'

This phrase may sound a bit too "Navy" for an Air Force base, but the principle still rings true. Keeping operations information on a need-to-know basis can save lives ...

Read "Are you a spy," on Page 6

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Airman Heather Forrest

### Real-world ready

Above, Airman 1st class Justin Hicks, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron A-10 crew chief, checks the cockpit of an A-10 aircraft for loose screws, dents and other damage, during Spangdahlem Air Base's operational readiness exercise July 21-25. Right, Airman 1st Class Joey Canty, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight, prepares an A-10 ammunition loader, also known as "the dragon."



## Ammo troops in Afghanistan build more than ammunition

Deployed members work so they have it 'made in the shade'

By Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke

455th Expeditionary Operations Group Public Affairs Office

**BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan** - Six members from the 81st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Ammunition Flight here are busy constructing a wooden shelter to shade their work on the munitions pad.

"Our table has an aluminum cover and by regulations it has to be grounded," said Master Sgt. Robert Byrd, 81st EFS Ammo Flight chief. "Out here in the sun, the pad gets hot enough to burn you."

On this pad, Byrd said they assemble chaff and flare, rockets and other munitions for A-10 aircraft.

"Because we work with explosives, it's important the work environment be shaded," said Staff Sgt. Jerrad Oaks, 81st EFS precision guided munitions crew chief. "Not only is it hot, but the sun reflects off the surface and blinds you." The ammo guys agree that working on explosives with impaired vision is not a good combination.

"The unit here before us put up a tarp for the shade," said Byrd, "but the excessive wind out here shredded that thing." Problems like this are not encountered at Spangdahlem Air Base, where they are stationed, because this work is done in a building, he said. "Out here, there is no building, so we improvise."

However, the ammo team didn't submit a work order to the civil engineer squadron.

"These guys took it upon themselves to get the materials they needed and built this cover on their own," said 1st Lt. Frank Adams, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, who is the assistant flight commander for Byrd and his team back at Spangdahlem. "Their initiative here is good example of why we are the best Air Force in the world. Their expertise is bombs, but their hearts are set to winning the war ... and



Army Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke

Staff Sgt. Eric Krueger, 81st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, cuts a plank for an overhead cover, which will be used to shade munitions at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

they'll do whatever it takes."

Byrd believes this new cover for their pad is well worth the materials and time put into it.

"The shade will make it safer, more comfortable and result in a big morale boost," he said.

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# Mission accomplished

81st Fighter Squadron members provide close-air support down-range in Afghanistan



Above, 1st Lt. Bryan Wojcik, 82nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, touches down on the Bagram Air Base runway in Afghanistan after accomplishing a mission in support of the global war on terrorism. About 150 members of the 81st Fighter Squadron and 52nd Fighter Wing support staff, and about a half-dozen A-10s left Spangdahlem Air Base in mid-June for the deployed location. The unit primarily provides close-air support to coalition ground troops.



Above, Capt. Scott Alford, 82nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron pilot, thanks his crew chief for a job well-done, after the pilot's return from a mission. Left, 1st Lt. Wojcik speaks with a German news reporter about his role as a deployed A-10 pilot at Bagram. The air base is the staging base from which U.S. airmen, soldiers, Marines and troops from coalition forces, fight the war on terrorism in Afghanistan and is of continuing international news interest. Right, Capt. Scott Alford, 82nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron pilot, salutes his commander after returning to Bagram AB from a mission.



## Accidents

By Iain H. Lotan  
52nd Security Forces Squadron  
Reports and Analysis

Twenty-Eight Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the week, seven of which were classified as major accidents.

The first major accident occurred while traveling on B-257 towards Daun. A staff sergeant stated he lost control of his vehicle while trying to avoid a collision with on-coming traffic. As a result, his vehicle rolled down a hill and was totaled.

The second major accident occurred while traveling on L-24 towards Gerolstein. The captain involved in the accident notified the base law enforcement desk that she flipped her car while trying to negotiate a turn. The vehicle landed on its roof. The captain said she wasn't injured in the accident. Polizei assumed the investigation. The officer was issued a ticket for speed too fast for conditions.

The third major accident occurred on the Trier B-51 on-ramp near the Toom Supermarket. A technical sergeant called the LE desk to inform them of the accident. Security forces responded to the call. The NCO said he failed to negotiate a left turn while entering the B-51 on-ramp and lost control of his motorcycle. The technical sergeant said he was experiencing minor back pains. The motorcycle was towed from the scene.

The fourth major accident occurred while traveling on B-51 near Eifel Gondorf. A staff sergeant said he was braking before the Bitburg exit on B-51 when the brakes locked up. The vehicle then slid into an exit sign and ended up in a ditch. Polizei assumed the investigation. The vehicle received disabling damage.

The fifth major accident occurred while traveling between Obersteidweiler and Luerath. A senior airman called the LE desk about the accident. The airman told security forces he lost control of his motorcycle, which slid across the road while he was making a sharp turn. The senior airman was treated at the Bitburg Annex hospital for a fractured ankle. The damage to the bike is unknown.

The sixth major accident occurred while traveling on the B-51 Trier overpass exit. A family member passenger called the LE desk to inform them of the accident. Trier Polizei responded to the scene and conducted the investigation. The family member who was driving said she swerved to avoid a car on the Bitburg exit on B-51 and ran into a trailer that was parked on the exit ramp. The vehicle was rendered inoperable and was impounded by local authorities. There are no injuries known at this time.

The seventh major accident occurred while traveling on B-50 near the old main gate. An airman first class notified the LE desk via radio of the accident. Security forces responded to the scene. The airman involved in the accident said his vehicle hydroplaned, slid into a curb and down into a ditch. There are no injuries to report at this time. The vehicle received disabling damage.

The 21 minor accidents involved:

- Eight for speed too fast for conditions.
- Four from inattentive driving.
- Seven from backing.
- One from wildlife.
- One from following too closely.

In addition, 33 citations were issued.



Staff Sgt. Karen Z. Silcott

### This is the ALQ-131 test modulator ...

Senior Airman Grant Peterson, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron Electronic Warfare Systems Section, briefs Lt. Gen. Michael Zettler, Headquarters U.S. Air Force Installations and Logistics deputy chief of staff, on ALQ-131 pod test equipment. The ALQ-131 uses counter-measures, such as electronic jamming or deception, to confuse and deceive adversary enemy defense systems. The pods proved instrumental in recent Operation Iraqi Freedom actions. The lieutenant general visited Spangdahlem Air Base as part of a U.S. Air Forces in Europe tour.



## Help prevent DUIs

Airmen Against Drunk Driving seeks volunteers to drive or operate the dispatch office on weekends, holidays and down days. To volunteer, e-mail full name, town or residence and home phone number to aadd@spangdahlem.af.mil.





Members of the 52nd Contracting Squadron Civil Engineer Flight make up this week's Top Saber Team.

## Top Saber Team

**Unit name:** 52nd Contracting Squadron Civil Engineer Flight

**Unit responsibility:** The team supports the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron by acquiring needed services, construction and items.

**Number of members:** Three

**Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** The simplified acquisition office is an essential part of the civil engineer squadron working with customers to foster infrastructure and wing-wide improvements. The team handles a weekly average workload of 450 requisitions and integrates fast-pace contracting for the Team Eifel community. Government Purchase Card acquisitions include operation and maintenance, military family housing and wing improvement center funds. The team met numerous critical deadlines to ensure community quality-of-life needs were met, including \$1.1 million worth of fiscal year 2003 procurements. Resourcefulness has enabled the team to combine similar requirements, resulting in a net savings of 30 percent, which equates to about \$300,000 available to meet other wing priorities.

## Eifel Salutes

### 52nd Operations Group

We can vouch for Staff Sgt. Curtis "Action" Jackson. After all, he's the guy who offered outstanding support with all the 23rd Fighter Squadron pilots' temporary-duty paperwork and vouchers.

### 52nd Mission Support Group

Housing employees Frau Annegret Hoett and Frau Gabrielle Poss hit "home" runs with their shift from part-time to full-time schedules for the remainder of the summer. When two full-time employees suddenly terminated their employment leaving the organization with a huge customer service gap, these two employees sacrificed their time off to ensure stellar service continued in the furnishings management office.

### 52nd Medical Group

Staff Sgt. Rebecca Allen's dedication worked out just fine at the Medical Control Center during a recent wing exercise. Em"brace"able Senior Airman David Marques offered outstanding support to the orthodontic department by expediting dental



laboratory cases for the orthodontist.

### 52nd Maintenance Group

Staff Sgt. John Hehn and Senior Airman Randy Williams did an amazing job serving as crew chiefs

and ambassadors for U.S. Air Force at the 2003 Paris air show. They spent long hours and displayed extreme pride and professionalism ensuring the 52nd Fighter Wing had the cleanest static display aircraft on the ramp. They then turned their attention to helping F-15 Strike Eagle brethren giving time and elbow grease to help clean their jet that flew in directly from the desert in Israel -- not an easy task. Additionally, they jumped in and helped with providing tours of our F-16CJ, displaying to visitors the supremacy of the 52 FW and the United States Air Force!

*Kudos to all, Team Eifel salutes you!*

(Compiled by Airman 1st Class Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)

## IEA Scorecard

Project	Coordinator	Percent	Complete
Pavilion improvements	Udo Stuemmer	0	
Brick House	Eddie Mentzer	65	
HAS crew shacks	Tech. Sgt. John Murphy	10	
HAS mezzanine	Tech. Sgt. John Murphy	20	
Batting cages	Mandy Baerman	35	
Bus shelter improvements	Tech. Sgt. Michael Smith	0	
Jet Blast Inn AFN decoder	Tech. Sgt. Sean Applegate	100	June 12
Honor Guard uniforms	Tech. Sgt. Randall Reno	100	June 17
Billeting laptops	Master Sgt. Fred Ayers	100	June 24
Loaner transformers	Gertrude Cochran	90	



### Fini flight fun

Above, Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, has the traditional "dousing" honors at Col. H.D. Polumbo's final-flight celebration July 23. Col. Polumbo relinquishes command of the 52nd Operations Group to Col. Christopher Chambliss in a change of command ceremony Monday at 9:52 a.m. in Spangdahlem Air Base Hangar 1. Right, members of the 23rd Fighter Squadron "escort" the operations group commander from his F-16 to the place of honor during the celebration. From left to right the escorts are Capt. Michael Johnston, Timothy Curry, Chad Lewis, David Rogers and Neil Neaderhiser.

Photos by Airman Heather Forrest



## Top Saber Performer

**Name:** Senior Airman Stephen Jesse  
**Unit:** 52nd Contracting Squadron  
**Duty title:** Alternate Government Purchase Card program coordinator  
**Hometown:** McCook, Neb.  
**Years in Service:** Four

**Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** Senior Airman Jesse is responsible for the 52nd Fighter Wing Government Purchase Card program, which includes more than 500 cardholders and 140 approving officials. He provides mandatory GPC training and conducts surveillance of all accounts. He's also a work group manager and the contracting squadron Web page maintainer. In addition, the airman helps with maintenance and repair of the contracting Standard Procurement System servers.

**Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:** I'm completing my Community College of the Air Force degree in business, said Senior Airman Jesse. I'm also working toward a degree in computer science, specializing in computer programming and networking.

**What do you do for fun?** I enjoy computer programming, graphics design, computer modifications, sky-diving and cave biking.

**What do you like most about being stationed here?** I like the deployment opportunities that come with being stationed at the "tip of the spear." In addition to my AEF deployment to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, I also had the opportunity to participate in one of many humanitarian assistance projects in which contracting is involved. I played a big role in the construction of schools and hospitals for those less fortunate and gained experience that stateside bases don't offer. I'm blessed to have had the experience.

**What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base?** Germany has a great deal of things to see and do. I would like to see additional trips, tours and squadron outings that offer alternatives to alcohol-related activities.





# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

## Team Eifel's guide to waste disposal



File photos

## Recycling centers offer place to get rid of broken electronics, unwieldy wastes

**By Staff Sgt. Bryan Althouse**  
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Maintenance Engineering Service  
Contracts Section

Old computers and used cans of paint can take up needed storage space, but where can people dispose of such odd items? They aren't accepted in bulk trash.

The base recycling center, more commonly known as the BRC, is the place to get rid of items not normally picked up by solid waste contractors. Team Eifel members living on the economy may also use the Spangdahlem Air Base or Bitburg Annex centers when they can't wait for the scheduled bulk trash or household hazardous waste disposal day in their village.

Additionally, Eifel military community members may use the centers to get rid of large amounts of recyclables, such as wrapping paper during the holiday season.

The facilities accept household hazardous waste, large bulky items that don't fit into the trash containers, large amounts of cardboard and all electronic appliances. When moving, people can also dispose of all of their broken household items, rather than piling them on the curb until bulk trash pickup day comes. However, the centers aren't the place to dispose of daily trash and recyclable materials.

People may use the centers to dispose of office waste, as long as the items aren't required to be turned in to supply or the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

The following types of waste are accepted at each BRC:

👉 Wood

👉 Paper: Carbon or soiled paper, such as used pizza boxes, aren't recyclable.

👉 Metal: Only 100 percent metal items may be placed in the metal container. All automotive parts such as transmissions, wheel rims, fenders and other parts should be recycled at the auto skills center in building 189 on Spangdahlem Air Base.

👉 Plastic and styrofoam

👉 Bulk waste: This container is for large items that don't fit into the regular trash containers. These include furniture items, such as sofas, chairs and mattresses. Automotive parts and electronic items aren't bulk trash.

👉 Electronic appliances: Items electric- or battery-powered.

👉 Glass: Same as glass containers. Lids must be removed.

👉 Clothes and shoes: Only in good condition.

👉 Household hazardous waste: Used cleaning products, paints, solvents, pesticides, lighter fluid, unemptied aerosol cans, propane tanks and dry-cell batteries are considered household hazardous waste. Automotive products such as used oil and anti-freeze must be taken to the skills development centers for disposal. Call the environmental flight at 452-5124 to dispose of lithium or other types of batteries.

The Spangdahlem AB BRC is located across from building 44 on Barksdale Avenue. It's open Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Bitburg Annex BRC is located in building 2038 in the French Caserne. It's open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Both centers are closed on German holidays.

### Off-base recycling

Each county has unique requirements for solid waste and hazardous waste disposal; however, the following basic recycling guidelines typically apply.

Regular trash disposal pickup usually takes place once every two weeks. Paper and yellow bag disposal dates also vary, but for most communities, it's picked up once every four weeks. Bulk trash pickup typically takes place about four times annually. Household hazardous waste disposal also takes place on specific dates for each village.

People living in the Bernkastel-Wittlich, Bitburg-Pruem or Trier-Saarburg county can see trash, yellow bag, paper and bulk trash pick up dates on the main Spangdahlem Intranet page at <http://intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil> on the bulletin link. The trash pick-up dates link is in the lower right hand corner of the page. Select the county and the township from the spreadsheet tabs across the bottom of the schedule.

Landlords should be the first source of information for all trash and recyclable material disposal.

Call the 52nd CES Maintenance Engineering Service Contracts Section at 452-6183 for more information.

### Yellow bag for plastic and metals

(Wash and rinse all containers before disposal.)

- 👉 Milk cartons
- 👉 Aluminum foil
- 👉 Biscuit tubes
- 👉 Bottle caps
- 👉 Animal food cans
- 👉 Drink bags
- 👉 Cellophane
- 👉 Bleach bottles
- 👉 Straws
- 👉 Frozen food boxes
- 👉 Produce bags
- 👉 Jar lids
- 👉 Yogurt cups
- 👉 Wax drink cups
- 👉 Meat packaging
- 👉 Steel cans
- 👉 Soda cans
- 👉 Potato chip cans
- 👉 Plastic utensils

- 👉 Detergent containers
  - 👉 Plastic CD holders
  - 👉 Plastic butter tubs
  - 👉 Old combs
  - 👉 Plastic box liners
- ### Paper

- 👉 Advertising inserts
- 👉 Catalogs
- 👉 Coloring books
- 👉 Detergent boxes
- 👉 Animal food bags
- 👉 Egg cartons
- 👉 Envelopes
- 👉 Junk mail
- 👉 Paperback books
- 👉 Newspapers
- 👉 Notebooks
- 👉 Magazines
- 👉 Cereal boxes
- 👉 Index cards
- 👉 Sticky-backed notes
- 👉 Container labels



### Trash

- Animal waste in sealed or tied plastic bags
- Ashes
- Bone
- Broken windowpanes
- Ceramics, porcelain
- Coffee grounds
- Coffee filters
- Cotton swabs
- Diapers
- Doughnut boxes
- Dryer lint
- Dryer sheets
- Dirt from vacuums
- Foil butter wrappers
- Food waste
- Grease
- Greasy paper plates
- Ice cream boxes
- Microwave popcorn bags
- Videotapes
- Used napkins
- Tape
- Torn stuffed animals
- Popsicle sticks
- Plaques, trophies

## Deposit law adds to price of off-base drink purchases

**By Franz-Josef Steffes**  
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight

Since January, people purchasing soda on the economy have contributed to a new German recycling law which requires a deposit called 'Dosenpfandverordnung' be paid on all beverage containers produced in Germany.

The charge is 0.25 euro for up to 1.5-liter capacity and 0.50 euro for larger plastic and glass bottles. The deposit on soda cans is about 15 euro. The deposit is refunded when the container is returned to the store where the purchase was made. Customers must typically produce a store receipt to qualify for the refund.

Excluded from the deposit requirement are mixed-drink containers, wine bottles, fruit juice containers and cartons. The fund also doesn't apply to products shipped from countries outside Germany.

Containers not returned for refund should still be disposed of through the proper recycling program.

Call the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight at 452-5125 for more information.



### Glass only

- 👉 Bottles
- 👉 Jars
- 👉 Glassware

### Green waste

- 👉 Grass, hedge clippings
- 👉 Leaves, branches
- 👉 Dead plants





## Community Mailbox



### Special guests

The base chapel sponsors a barbecue at the Spangdahlem AB pavilions Sunday from 4-7 p.m. Retired U.S. Marine Corp Lt. Clebe McClary, decorated Vietnam war veteran is the special-guest speaker. Also, New American Singers perform in concert. Call the base chapel at 452-6711 for details.

### Spouses group

The 52nd Security Forces Squadron Spouses Group meets Thursday at 7 p.m. in Spangdahlem AB building 215.

### School lunch program

Free and reduced lunch applications and eligibility guidelines are available on the 52nd Mission Support Group DoDDS Liaison Office Web site at [www.spangdahlem.af.mil/52MSG/DoD](http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/52MSG/DoD) DS. Parents and sponsors are encouraged to apply for the government-sponsored program. Reduced lunches cost \$0.40, full-priced lunches cost \$1.95 and \$2.10 for grades K-6 and 7-12, respectively. Drop off applications at any of the school offices or at the 52nd MSG Office in Spangdahlem AB building 151. Call 452-6942 for more information.

### Parcel pickup

The Spangdahlem AB Post Office is open for parcel pickup each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Theater group

Unity Theater Group, a Christian-based non-denominational drama club, seeks members. All faiths are welcome. The group meets Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Spangdahlem AB building 139. Call Cindy Rameres at 452-7075 for more information.

### Deployed family picnic

A deployed family cookout takes place Aug. 19 from 4-7 p.m. at the base pavilion with two free games of bowling per person. Call the family support center at 452-6422 or 452-9491 to register or for more information.

### Arts and crafts

The following arts and crafts workshops take place in Spangdahlem AB building 189. Register at Crafts and Party Central in the base community activity center. Call 452-4141 for details.

■Framing, Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$25.

■Basic auto care, Aug. 13 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the auto skills shop. Cost is \$10.

■One-day advanced mat cutting, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$15.

■Intermediate drawing, Aug. 19 and 26 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.

The following arts and crafts workshops take place in Bitburg Annex building 2012.

■Basket weaving, Aug. 21 from 5-10 p.m. Cost is \$25, plus \$15 for supplies.

■Tole painting, Aug. 26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus the cost of wood.

### Vacation Bible school

Protestant vacation Bible school takes place Aug. 18-22 from 9 a.m. to noon for children in kindergarten through fifth grade in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Registration begins today and ends Aug. 15 at the Spangdahlem AB Chapel weekdays and after Sunday services at both chapels. Call 452-6711 for details.

### EDIS news

Infant and toddler developmental screenings take place the first, third and fifth Monday monthly from 9-11 a.m. in the EDIS clinic at Spangdahlem AB, building 161. EDIS also offers screenings each second and fourth Monday from 9-11 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Call 452-8238 for details.

### Family advocacy news

The 52nd Medical Group Education and Developmental Intervention Services Office offers the following workshops on improving family relation-

ships. Call 452-8238 for class details.

■Art of relationship: Four-hour course for couples wanting to increase mutual understanding and respect.

■Great expectations: Class for expectant parents in the second trimester. Presenters discuss physical and emotional changes during pregnancy, finances and the childbirth process.

■Passport to parenthood: Two-hour class offering tips on basic baby care.

### CAC news

The following events take place at the Spangdahlem AB community activity center. Call 452-7381 for more information.

■Brick House high-speed gaming arena opens Aug. 29. Play video games, air hockey, pool, watch movies, listen to music and have a drink.

■Missoula children's theater invites students for a week-long theater camp Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. The event starts with an open call for roles and ends with a performance of "Cinderella" Aug. 9 at 1 p.m. There are about 50 roles available.

### Education services news

The 52nd Mission Support Squadron Education Services Center is located in Spangdahlem AB building 192. Call 452-6063 for more information.

■Embry-Riddle offers a four-week-end course on explorations in physics Aug. 16 and a class on power plant theory and applications Aug. 23.

■The University of Phoenix now offers onsite graduate degree programs on base. Visit [www.uopxoverseasmil.com](http://www.uopxoverseasmil.com) for more information.

■An education fair takes place Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Collocated Club.

■As of Sept. 1, students must have a degree plan on file at the education office to receive tuition assistance. This doesn't include students pursuing Community College of the Air Force degrees.

## Club Happenings

The following events take place in the Collocated Club (former Saber Club).

### Today

■Stripes Lounge: Burger Burn, club members eat for free from 5-7 p.m. DJ plays variety of requests from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Entry is free for members, \$6 for non-members.

■ECL: 52nd FW commander's social from 6-7 p.m.

### Saturday

■Stripes Lounge: Play "Spades" and "Bones" from 5:30-8:30. DJ spins oldies 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

### Sunday

■Coming soon: Breakfast buffet, starting Aug. 17.

### Monday

■Coming soon: Club lunches start Aug. 11.

### Tuesday

■Stripes Lounge: Comedy movies from 6-11 p.m.

### Wednesday

■Stripes Lounge: Spoken Word poetry reading from 8-9:30 p.m. Registration deadline to recite poetry is 7:45 p.m. Entry is free for members, \$6 for non-members.

### Thursday

■Stripes Lounge: Karaoke singing from 9 p.m. to midnight. Entry is free for members, \$6 for non-members.

### Aug. 8

■Stripes Lounge: Burger Burn, club members eat for free from 5-7 p.m. Country and western music and dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

### Aug. 9

■Stripes Lounge: Play "Spades" and "Bones" from 5:30-8:30. Play the jukebox for free.

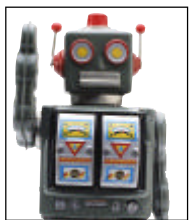
### Aug. 10

■Golden Dragon and Zeppelins restaurants are open for dining.

### Aug. 11

■Club lunch from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.95 for members, \$6.95 for non-members.

Call 452-6090 for more information.



## Der Markt

### Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to [publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil) or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The *Eifel Times* staff reserves the right to edit ads.



Col. Stephen Mueller

#### Accessing Direct Line

The Direct Line program is a  
way to get answers to questions  
you still have after using your  
chain of command.

Direct Lines of general  
interest will be published in the  
*Eifel Times* and may be edited or  
paraphrased for brevity or clarity.  
Submit your Direct Line via:

■DirectLine@spangdahlem.  
af.mil

■Mailed to 52nd FW/PA,  
Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE  
09126

■To PA in building 23.  
■Concerns may also be sent  
via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are  
accepted. To receive a personal  
response you must include your  
name and phone number. Call the  
Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more  
information.

## Month Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
F-16	618	582	19
A-10	376	368	20

Through July 29

Courtesy of the  
52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron  
Plans and Scheduling Section

# Viewpoint

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## Watch your mouth

# Are you a spy ... and didn't know it? Even innocent information about mission can pose threat if placed in wrong hands

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Have you ever started talking to a stranger  
while waiting in line? What did you talk about?  
Have you talked to your coworker or friend while  
eating lunch at work? If you've done any of these  
things, you may have put military lives in danger.  
You may have abetted a spy.

There are people listening to your conversa-  
tions in stores, at restaurants, even when you are  
on a government computer or DSN line. What  
you say can put lives in danger and risk mission  
success.

Maybe you were just talking about the extra  
workload or grumbling about having to pack your  
bags again. These pieces of information can be  
critical to the mission and by you talking about  
them communication security has been breached.

Communication security is making sure what  
you want to say can be said. It's vitally important

for everyone to constantly think about what they  
are saying before he or she says it.

It's also important for military members to  
ensure their families understand the importance of  
communication security. Something as simple as  
mom or dad getting that late call, packing a bag  
or working unexpected long hours and their child  
talking about it could result in a communication  
security breach and result in mission failure.

Not only is thinking before speaking very  
important, but it's also imperative for each person  
to know if they're allowed to talk about the sub-  
ject. It doesn't matter whether it's an exercise or  
real world -- it should be treated the same. If you  
wouldn't talk about it in a real-world scenario  
then don't talk about it in an exercise scenario.  
You may wonder why can't you bend the commu-  
nication security rule during an exercise. It's sim-  
ple. It's because an exercise can become real  
world. Also, an exercise is a test to see how you

would function in  
a real world situ-  
ation.

Even if you  
aren't discussing  
the whole pic-  
ture, terrorists  
and spies can use  
bits of informa-  
tion from several  
people and build  
upon them. It  
doesn't take long  
to build a sce-  
nario and make a  
plan to thwart the  
military's mission. In fact can only takes a couple  
of hours.

Communication security negligence happens in  
everyday situations. Examples include chatting in  
restaurants, bars, beauty salons, the Base Ex-  
change, the grocery store, and through e-mail and  
telephone conversations. You may think that no  
one pays attention to what you're saying, but they  
are and the result can be disastrous.

The importance of communication security is  
as important as getting to the fight, completing  
the mission and coming home alive.

You don't want to be a spy. You don't want to  
be the person who causes the mission to fail. You  
don't want to put yourself or your buddies in dan-  
ger. Then remember communication security is  
one of the keys to successful Air Power.



## Driving safety

# Don't let wet road dangers rain on your parade

By Norman Hessock  
Team Eifel member

*(Editor's note: The loss of vehicle control result-  
ed in the loss of life of a Team Eifel member May  
20. The purpose of the following article is to share  
with the base community the importance of keeping  
safety in mind when driving.)*

It was a perfect day for driving in Germany -- the  
sun was shining and the breeze was just right. Our  
family had moved here a month ago and we needed  
to pick up an order I had made at a store.

Before we left on this perfect day, I made sure  
we were prepared We had ample gas coupons and I  
even checked the tire air pressure. With baby in  
arms and umbrella in hand, we were off.

After a nice day of shopping, we loaded up to  
return home. A light rain had started. As Jennifer  
entered the autobahn the rain was sporadic, but  
about half-way home the rain got heavier. We didn't  
think it was a problem because we both had plenty  
of practice driving in southern Louisiana and  
Mississippi where it rains often.

The rain worsened as we followed behind a  
semi-trailer, which had been averaging a speed of 60  
kph, but had slowed down. Jennifer decided to pass  
the truck. The road was wide and the truck was trav-  
eling slowly enough. As we returned to the right  
lane, Jennifer looked concerned and said, "We're not  
stopping or steering. What to do?"

I couldn't think of anything that would have  
helped. I could see nothing was working and we



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

**The Hessock family, Norman, Jennifer and  
Olivia, reflect on their good fortune of escaping  
injury from their recent accident on the auto-  
bahn. Capt. Jennifer Hessock, 52nd Medical  
Support Squadron Family Care Center nurse,  
was driving when the car, seen here, began  
hydroplaning and slammed into a guardrail.**

were sliding out of control. Then we hit the guard  
rail. It was the end of our perfect day.

We survived the accident without injuries, but we  
learned we weren't driving safely enough. We've all  
heard how "practice makes perfect." We had prac-  
ticed driving in the rain, but who practices  
hydroplaning? Doing something once isn't practice,  
so we should always practice driving safely.

This experience taught us to avoid passing other  
vehicles on the road unless it's necessary. Also,  
check the braking and steering conditions before  
committing to a turn or sudden stop. Next time,  
we'll pull over when we don't feel completely safe.

We're sure we'll get more "perfect days," but

## Safeguard against auto 'waterslides'

Hydroplaning happens when tires  
lose contact with the road and ride on  
a layer of water. To maintain control of  
a vehicle while driving on a wet road,  
drive to one side of the road and  
straddle the puddles, suggests Tech.  
Sgt. James Douglas, 52nd Fighter  
Wing Safety Office. However, if the car  
begins hydroplaning, try these steps  
to regain control.

1. Remain calm, ease off the gas,  
avoid braking and steer straight.
2. When braking, do so once the  
vehicle slows down and regains  
contact with the road. Gently pump  
the brakes to avoid skidding or locking  
the tires and creating a skid. Drivers of  
cars with anti-lock brakes should  
maintain continuous pressure on the  
brake pedal.

we've learned that how they end depends on what  
we chose to practice. (Mr. Hessock is the spouse of  
Capt. Jennifer Hessock, 52nd Medical Support  
Squadron family care clinic nurse)



## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated otherwise. Movie synopses are available at [www.aafes.com/ems/-default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/-default.asp).

### Bitburg Castle

Today

*Dumb and Dumberer (PG-13)*

It's the first day of high school and Harry needs someone to show him the ropes. Lloyd turns out to be just the guy.

Saturday

*Rugrats Go Wild (G, 4 p.m.)*

When the Rugrats and their parents get stranded on a deserted island, Tommy Pickles knows there's only one man who can help them — Nigel Thornberry!

*X2: X-Men United (PG-13)*

Magneto is back and Professor Xavier's school for mutants is under attack.

Sunday

*Rugrats Go Wild*

*Closed Monday and Tuesday*

Wednesday

*Identity (R)*

A group of people become stranded in rural Nevada during an unrelenting rainstorm. Soon members of the group begin dying in mysterious, brutal ways. The dwindling number of survivors must discover the killer.

Thursday

*Dumb and Dumberer*

### Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

*The Hulk (PG-13)*

Based on the Marvel comic "The Incredible Hulk," research scientist Dr. Bruce Banner's failed experiments cause him to mutate into a savage green-skinned behemoth whenever he loses control of his emotions.

*The Matrix Reloaded (R, 10 p.m.)*

Neo and the rest of the crew continue to battle the machines that have enslaved the human race in the Matrix.

Saturday

*Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas (PG)*

Animated. Eris, the goddess of Chaos, steals "The Book of Peace," and frames Sindbad for the crime. Setting out to prove his innocence, Sindbad travels to the Eris' realm where he is challenged by monsters.

*The Hulk (10 p.m.)*

Sunday

*Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas (4 p.m.)*

*The Hulk*

Monday

*Daddy Day Care (PG)*

When a father loses his lucrative "dotcom" job, he joins his friends in opening Daddy Day Care.

Tuesday

*The Matrix Reloaded*

*Closed Wednesday and Thursday*

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
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Become 'middle-aged' in Luxembourg ...

# 'Friends of Vianden Castle' club opens doors for medieval tours

By Bernhard Schaefer

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From Aug. 2-10, people can experience medieval culture and living in Vianden, Luxembourg, during the town's annual festival of the middle ages. The fortress on the hill comes to life as Friends of Vianden Castle, a club dedicated to the dwelling's preservation, opens the doors and invite guests to partake in a variety of entertainment taking place 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

The history of Vianden castle spans eight centuries. It's construction began in the 11th century on the foundations of a Roman fort and Carolingian refuge. Improvements continued well into the 14th century, making it one of the largest feudal residences in Europe of the Romanesque and Gothic periods. Until the early 15th century, the fortress served as the seat of influential counts of Vianden who boasted of their close connections to French and German royal families of the imperial court.

In 1820, under the reign of King William I of Holland, the castle was sold piece by piece, and as a result, it fell into ruin. It stood as little more than a pile of rubble until the family of the Grand Duke of Luxembourg transferred it to the state in 1977.

The goal of the festival is to make visitors feel as if they're playing a part in the castle's history from the moment they pass the first gate. Heralds welcome visitors with trumpets, and illusionists and jugglers entertain. Dancers perform to Renaissance music played on medieval musical instruments



Iris Reiff

The Vianden castle located in Luxembourg sits atop the hills. Since restored to its former glory, the 11th-century castle now ranks as an important regional and international historical monument.

including the psalter, flute and bagpipe.

People who enjoy unusual shopping experiences should visit the 40 art and craft stands, which resemble the markets at which Christopher Columbus would have shopped. Visitors can watch craftsmen make and sell their wares, such as the coinmaker, woodcarver, basket weaver, blacksmith, shoemaker and candlemaker. Historical weapons will also be on-hand, such as the cross-bow. Visitors can purchase fine gifts from a silversmith, leathermaker or find their family's coat-of-arms. Fortune-tellers, magicians, court jesters, fire-eaters and storytellers will offer their own brand of entertainment.

In addition, people can taste medieval culinary specialties and drinks.

Scheduled events include:

■ Medieval fashion show, Saturday at 8 p.m.

■ Sorcerer Abraxus works his magic Tuesday and Thursday.

A medieval banquet takes place Aug. 9 in the name of the Honorable Count Henry I and his wife Margerite de Courtenai. Participants must dress in medieval garb. The menu includes soup served in a loaf of bread and roasted pig. For more information, visit [www.castle-vianden.lu](http://www.castle-vianden.lu), e-mail [amchvian@pt.lu](mailto:amchvian@pt.lu) or call 00352-849201.

# Butterfly garden attracts visitors

## Luxembourg garden offers special place to learn about world's gentle winged insects

By Iris Reiff

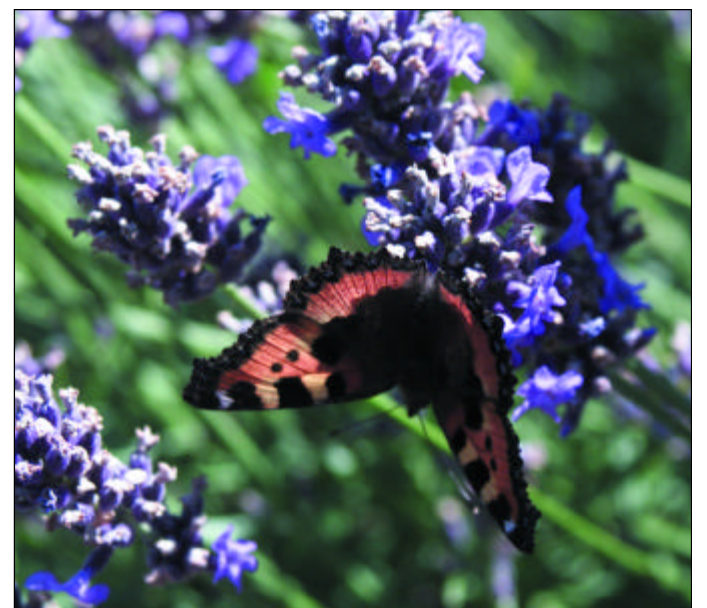
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

For nature lovers, the butterfly garden in Grevenmacher, Luxembourg, offers a special place to learn about the world's more gentle of the winged insects. The butterflies live in a hothouse under the most suitable conditions to ensure their well-being.

With a little luck, visitors can even witness the "birth" of butterflies in the hatchery. These friends of flowers follow a life cycle that takes place in four stages: egg, caterpillar, pupa and butterfly. They belong to the Heliconia family and have a rich and plentiful food source -- flower nectar. Some live for only a couple of weeks and others stay active for several months.

In general, butterflies prefer temperatures of 28 degrees Celsius and humidity at 70 percent. At the garden, visitors can also observe bees, other insects and birds that prefer the orchids and tropical plants available in the facility. Overall, the garden houses 40 different species and 500 butterflies from five continents.

The garden is open now through Oct. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

A butterfly feasts on lavender nectar.

5 p.m. Cost is 5 euro for adults and 2.50 euro for children up to age 14. Groups of 10 people or more pay 4 euro for adults and 1.75 euro for children. English speaking tours are available upon reservation.

To get there, take the Trier-Luxembourg autobahn route. Turn at the Grevenmacher exit and follow the signs to the town. In Grevenmacher, follow the signs to the "Jardin des Papillons." For more information, call 00352-758539.



# Little tykes' imaginations 'take flight' in library's summer reading program

Story and photos by  
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Imagination was no longer bound to books for dozens of young children this summer, thanks to the Spangdahlem Air Base summer reading program. This year the Air Force celebrates 100 years of air power, which refers to advances in flight over the past century. The reading program's theme, "Take Flight — Read," gave school-age students a first-hand look at the inner workings of aviation.

Michelle Reedy, library technician and summer reading program coordinator, said students not only had a specific goal for the number of books read, but got their "up close and personal" look at the air control tower and other areas of the flight line.

"The summer reading program is designed mainly to get the kids into the library between academic years," said Ms. Reedy. "It not only gets them familiar with the library, but also makes reading fun, since kids are more likely to stay interested in books if they start reading early on."

The program is open to all youths and accompanying parents, however; the target audience ranges from toddlers to middle school students.

Even children who can't yet read are encouraged to start by having parents read to them, said Ms. Reedy.

"When parents and siblings read to very young children that empowers everybody," she said.

The program's highlights include group activities, guest speakers, trips and the recent flight line tour with guides Capt. Travis Norton and Erik Axt, both 81st Fighter Squadron A-10 pilots.

"We just really wanted to get the base involved," Ms. Reedy said. "A lot of the kids don't know how much work goes into being a pilot besides just getting in a plane and taking off. There's a great deal of schooling, training and many physical requirements."

Alexa Roundtree, 10, said the summer reading program kept her from becoming a couch potato.

"I'd be at the house bored, watching television all day if I wasn't here," she said.

Ms. Reedy said the program is not only made to be fun, but structured enough so that students can carefully log and observe their own progress.



Michelle Reedy, summer reading program coordinator, recites from a book for the summer reading program group. From left, Allison Reedy, 8 months, and Erica and Lauren O'Neill, 4 and 6, listen to the story. Right, Alexa Roundtree, 10, Sydney Smith, 10 months, Ms. Reedy, and Lauren hold hands for a friendly dance of ring-around-the-rosy. Children are welcome to attend the summer reading program at either Spangdahlem Air Base or the Bitburg Annex libraries.

The required number of books read for the season is normally 25, but Ms. Reedy said students in fourth grade and higher tend to read longer, more sophisticated books, which drops their reading requirement to only 10 books for the summer. The higher-level readers can annotate the number of pages at the end of each of entry for consideration at completion time. The students register in a "pilot's log," which tracks all books, titles and number of pages read. The log can even be cross-referenced with their teachers' suggested summer reading list and may help put students ahead of the game for school-year reading requirements.

Aside from the sense of accomplishment the children get from completing the books, other incentives include craft days, tours and an end-of-program party complete with certificates, games, snacks and toys.

"Everyone is invited, whether or not they've finished reading their required number of books," Ms. Reedy said.



The generosity of spouses groups and other base organizations that donate money are crucial to keep the summer reading program afloat.

"We're getting more and more donations each year, but it's still a struggle since books and supplies can run into the hundreds per year."

The cutoff for students' reading lists this year is Aug. 15 and a final party takes place Aug. 22 at the base pavilion.

For more information about the summer reading program, donations or a schedule of events call Michelle Reedy or Renita Jones at 452-6203.



## Sports Shorts



### Sharks prep for swim season

The Eifel Sharks, Spangdahlem AB's local European Forces Swim League competitive swim team, makes its first splash in September at Cascade pools in Bitburg. Although the practice schedule hasn't been finalized, the team anticipates practicing Monday through Thursday for about one and a half hours daily. The team's first meet of the season takes place in October and the team continues competing through February.

Team officials seek volunteer coaches, stroke and turn officials, and a statistician. The team also seeks swimmers ages 8 - 18. Swimmers should be able to swim 25 meters unassisted, practicing any stroke. Call Dennis or Tiina O'Sullivan at 06563-960742 or 452-8346, or Teo Espinoza at 06553-900427 or 452-6930, for more information. (Courtesy of Teodoro Espinoza, Eifel Sharks secretary)

### Softball tourney

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe Small Units Softball Tournament takes place Monday through Aug. 10 at the Spangdahlem

AB ball fields. Team Eifel members are encouraged to come out and cheer on their favorite teams.

### Ice hockey

The Spangdahlem AB ice hockey team seeks players for the upcoming season. Call Master Sgt. Jeff Barr at 452-6787 or Tech. Sgt. Lane Goodnough at 452-6618 for details.

### Coaches needed

Spangdahlem AB varsity sports seek volunteer team assistants and game officials. Call Mandy Baerman at 452-6634 for more information.

### Physicals

Parents wanting to avoid the end of summer rush for school and sports physicals should schedule appointments now with their family primary care managers. Physicals are good for one year and are required for sports participation.



Staff Sgt Karen Z. Silcott

### 'Sim'ple pleasures

Spangdahlem Air Base All-Stars Little League player No. 39, Robert Hernandez, test his piloting abilities in the F-16 simulator on base. Capt. Chris Sharp, offers the young ballplayer some flying tips. The team earned the rare flight simulator experience for capturing the Ramstein Air Base International Championships in July. Flight simulator tours are organized on a space-available basis through the 52nd Fighter Wing Community Relations Office. Tours require several weeks of advance notice along with the full names and passport numbers of the people included in the tour. Groups seeking base tours can e-mail a formal, written request to 52fw.cra@spangdahlem.af.mil or call the office at 452-6434 for more information.